MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I must make an enquiry in regard to that matter.

MR. S. PERAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): That is the main question itself.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It has also been stated in answer to the first part of the question that the answer is in the negative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Subsequently I asked whether there is any D. S. P. or A. S. P. who knows driving.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is why I replied that an enquiry will have to be made.

Corruption among Government Officers.

373. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer given to my question No. 23 [56] asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 3rd November 1925, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any scheme in hand for allaying public uneasiness about misdeeds and corruption on the part of Government Officers and the reasons why the suggestion of associating some representatives of the people in enquiries regarding serious complaints by the Members of the public against Government officers does not commend itself to the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no schemes but investigate each case and decide it on its merits. In regard to the latter part of the question, their reasons are based on grounds of general principle and practical expediency.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government did not consider it desirable to have some general scheme for allaying public uneasiness about misdeeds and corruption on the part of Government officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have stated their view on the matter in the answer. The present supplementary question is too large a question for me to answer on the spur of the moment.

Omission to mention Nair Officers in the Dewan's Address to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

374. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how it happened that Nair officers of high position appointed within the last twelve months failed to find mention in the Dewan's address to the twenty-second session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly while non-Nair officers of corresponding position appointed within the same period were mentioned in terms of appreciation and praise?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The names of officers mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Dewan's address were not intended to be a full catalogue.

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MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what the principle was that actuated them in the selection of certain officers in preference to others of similar status?

PRESIDENT: I was writing the address late at night, and put the names that flashed through my mind at that moment. There is absolutely no reflection on anybody. It is due to forgetfulness and nothing else.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I am very much obliged to the Chair. That is all what I wanted to know.

Estimates for Public Works costing more than Rs. five lakhs.

375. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is there any work now in progress or is about to be started by the Public Works Department the estimated cost of which exceeds five lakhs of rupees?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no work costing over Rs. 5 lakhs now in progress and the only one now under consideration is the Trivandrum water supply scheme. It is too early to say when the work will be started.

Benefits of Co-operative Societies to be given to Chitties, etc.

376. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to extend the benefits, supervision and encouragement given by them at present to Co-operative Credit Societies, to *Chitties* and *Karayogams* as well?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): *Chitties*, the value of which is not less than Rs. 100 in each case are now governed by the Chitties Regulation, III of 1094, as amended by Regulation I of 1100 and they are subject to such Government supervision as is laid down in that Regulation. The Government are not aware of the objects and constitution of *Karayogams* and cannot therefore decide whether these conform to the co-operation principle.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are not the co-operative societies allowed certain special benefits in the matter of exemptions from stamp duty and other such dues to the Government?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They are.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the *Chitties* allowed such benefits?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether such benefits cannot be granted to *Chitties* also?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The principles governing *Chitties* will have to be known to the Government before they consider the question of granting these benefits to *Chitties* also.

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